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FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3656

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EAP FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD
HA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PHUM, PREL, CH
SUBJECT: ALLEGED DECISION TO PROSECUTE WEI JINGSHENG
FOR TREASON

1. UPON LEARNING OF MAY 16 UPI REPORT BY NICK DRIVER
ALLEGING THAT CHINA IS PREPARING TO PROSECUTE WEI
JINGSHENG ON TREASON CHARGES FOR ASKING FOR U.S.
GOVERNMENT HELP IN PRESSURING CHINA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
IMPROVEMENTS, DCM CALLED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZHANG YISHAN TO SEEK
CLARIFICATION OF WEI STATUS. ZHANG REPLIED THAT HE HAD
NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS REPORT BUT SAID HE WOULD

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LET THE DCM KNOW IF HE LEARNED ANYTHING. HE ALSO NOTED
A TENDENCY, IN HIS VIEW, OF REPORTERS TO READ TOO MUCH
INTO THINGS THEY MIGHT HEAR.

2. AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY SOUGHT TO CONTACT ASSISTANT
MINISTER QIN HUASUN BUT QIN HAD ALREADY LEFT THE OFFICE
FOR THE DAY. AMBASSADOR WILL TRY TO CONTACT QIN
TOMORROW AND SEEK CLARIFICATION OF WEI'S STATUS.
ROY

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